The County of Los Angeles will sponsor its 21<sup>st</sup> annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica event on Saturday, April 30, 2005 in Griffith Park. The theme is "Walk for the Babies."

Each year County employees voluntarily participate in the fundraising campaign. Departmental campaign coordinators spearhead the drive among employees. All of the monies raised are donated to the March of Dimes for its education and research programs that work to prevent birth defects and reduce infant mortality.

In 2004, County employees generously donated more than \$328,000 to the March of Dimes from its WalkAmerica event. The County team received the "Top Public Sector" award and the traveling trophy. It was the second time the County team raised more funds than the City of Los Angeles.

## I, THEREFORE, MOVE:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors proclaim Saturday, April 30, 2005, as "WalkAmerica Day" in the County of Los Angeles; and
- 2. Waive vendor fees in the amount of \$10,000 Countywide, and request the Chief Administrative Office and the Internal Services Department to provide the necessary support; and
- 3. Encourage County employees to voluntarily support this worthwhile fundraising effort to prevent birth defects and reduce infant mortality.

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